

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Oh *et al.*

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For: **METHODS OF FORMING INTEGRATED CIRCUITS DEVICES HAVING  
PAD CONTACT PLUGS IN THE CELL ARRAY AND PERIPHERAL  
CIRCUIT REGIONS OF THE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT SUBSTRATE**

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please enter the following amendments. These amendments and remarks are made accompanying a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2006.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s), including fees for net addition of claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.